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Statewide voucher program enrollment counts

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has announced enrollment information related to private school voucher students in the statewide Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP).

On the third Friday in September of the 2015-16 school year, there were 2,514 students receiving a voucher to attend a private school, which translates to 2,472.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) students. In most cases, one student counts as one FTE, but depending on services provided, a 4-year-old kindergarten (K4) student attending a partial day program may be counted as 0.5 FTE or 0.6 FTE. Of the 1,640 new students enrolled in the WPCP for the 2015-16 school year, 19.1 percent (306.1 FTE) attended a public school last year.

While there are 82 private schools or school systems participating in the statewide choice program in the 2015-16 school year, 79 of those schools have enrolled students using a voucher through the WPCP. Changes to state law recently eliminated the

previous WPCP cap of 1,000 FTE students. Enrollment in the WPCP voucher program in 2015-16 from a single public school district is limited to 1 percent of the school district's student population. Enrollment numbers reported are from the student count conducted on the third Friday in September at each school. Student eligibility will be reviewed by independent auditors per state law and submitted to the DPI in December, so enrollment numbers are subject to change.

For the 2015-16 school year, each eligible private school participating in the WPCP may receive a voucher payment of \$7,214 per FTE student in grades K4 through eight, or \$7,860 per FTE student in grades nine through 12. The WPCP is estimated to cost \$18.3 million in 2015-16.

Act 55 (Wisconsin 2015-17 Biennial Budget) changed the manner in which the WPCP is funded. Students that participated in the program prior to the 2015-16 school year will continue to be fully funded from state general purpose revenue. Pupils who begin attending a private school under the WPCP in the 2015-16 school year and

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program		
Headcount History		
Year	Schools or School Systems	Headcount
2013-14	25	511
2014-15	31	1,008
2015-16	82	2,514
NOTES: Enrollment caps were in place for the first two years. Enrollment numbers for 2015-16 are unaudited and subject to change.		

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thereafter are funded with a reduction to each public school district's state general aid. If the public school district does not receive an equalization aid payment sufficient to cover the aid reduction, the balance would be reduced from other state aid received by the district. The 142 districts impacted by the WPCP will share an aid reduction of \$11.9 million. Incoming pupils in the WPCP are included in resident public school district's membership for state general aid purposes, but the resident district may not levy to backfill the aid reduction. School districts receive a non-recurring revenue limit exemption, which the district's

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program New Students in 2015-16 Prior Year (2014-15) Enrollment				
		% of Headcount	FTE	% of FTE
Wisconsin Private School	1,226	74.8	1,210.1	75.7
Wisconsin Public School	308	18.8	306.1	19.1
Not in School	69	4.2	47.8	3.0
Homeschooled	33	2.0	31.5	2.0
Out-of-state	4	0.2	4.0	0.2
TOTALS	1,640	100	1,599.5	100

elected school board may include when setting the 2016 tax levy. The exemption is computed by multiplying the number of FTE resident choice pupils by the district's current year per pupil revenue limit. For 2016, the estimated [statewide revenue limit authority](#) for the 142 school districts impacted by the WPCP is \$15.8 million.

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NOTES: A list of WPCP schools with their headcount and FTE student enrollment follows. More information about the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program can be found at http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/choice_facts_statistics. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015_103.pdf.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

Third Friday in September Enrollment

2015-16 School Year Student Headcount and FTE

(FTE stands for full-time equivalent. For example, a 4 year-old kindergarten student may be counted as 0.5 FTE or 0.6 FTE)

		Choice Students		All Students		% Choice
		Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
Brown and Kewaunee						
K5-8	Green Bay Area Catholic Education - East	122	122	608	608	20%
K5-8	Green Bay Area Catholic Education - South	34	34	755	755	5%
K5-8	Green Bay Area Catholic Education - West	30	30	409	409	7%
* 9-12	Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran High School	5	5	129	129	4%
9-12	Notre Dame de la Baie Academy	48	48	800	800	6%
* K5-8	Pilgrim Lutheran - Green Bay	2	2	199	186	1%
* K5-8	Saint Mark Lutheran School	31	29	182	172	17%
* K4-8	Saint Paul Lutheran Grade School - Luxemburg	7	6.5	65	57.5	11%
Chippewa, Clark, and Eau Claire						
K5-12	McDonnell Area Catholic Schools	61	61	445	445	14%
K5-12	Regis Catholic Schools	134	134	826	826	16%
* K4-6	Saint Joseph Catholic School - Boyd	11	11	30	29	37%
Columbia and Dane						
K4-6	Lighthouse Christian School	30	28.8	59	53.4	51%
* K5-8	Saint John's Lutheran School - Portage	22	22	92	92	24%
* 9-12	Wisconsin Academy	0	0	75	75	0%
Fond du Lac						
* K5-12	Central Wisconsin Christian School	32	29.5	258	245.5	12%
K4-12	Saint Mary's Springs Academy	70	69	796	775.5	9%
9-12	Winnebago Lutheran Academy	51	51	304	304	17%
Kenosha and Racine						
K4-8	Friedens Lutheran School	62	59.5	143	136.5	43%
* K5-8	Saint John's Lutheran School - Burlington	35	35	142	141.2	25%
K4-12	Saint Joseph Catholic Academy - Kenosha	90	87.5	803	789.5	11%
* 9-12	Shoreland Lutheran High School	8	8	312	312	3%
La Crosse						
K4-12	Aquinas Catholic Schools	101	101	927	903	11%
Lincoln and Marathon						
K5-12	Newman Catholic Schools	96	96	572	572	17%
* K5-8	Trinity Lutheran School - Merrill	20	20	140	140	14%
* K4-8	Trinity Lutheran School - Wausau	16	16	156	156	10%
Manitowoc						
* 9-12	Manitowoc Lutheran High	10	10	224	224	4%
9-12	Roncalli High School	35	35	301	301	12%
K4-8	Saint Francis of Assisi School	43	42	416	396.5	10%
Milwaukee						
* K4-12	Academy of Excellence	0	0	719	693.4	0%
* 9-11	Dominican High School	1	1	331	331	0.3%
* K4-12	Grace Christian Academy	12	10.5	253	242.5	5%

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Milwaukee (continued)						
* K4-8	Hales Corners Lutheran Schools	10	9.5	382	368	3%
* 9-12	Martin Luther High School	5	5	446	446	1%
* K4-8	Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy	9	8	142	135	6%
* 8-12	Milwaukee Lutheran High School	6	6	675	675	1%
* K5-2, 6, 8	Mount Olive Lutheran Grade School	7	7	183	177.5	4%
* 6-8	Nativity Jesuit Middle School	5	5	158	149	3%
* K4-8	Our Fathers Lutheran School	6	5.5	58	54.5	10%
* K4-8	Risen Savior Lutheran School	2	2	249	239	1%
* K5-5, 8	Saint John's Lutheran Grade School-Glendale	3	3	86	79	3%
* K4-5	Saint Joseph Academy - Milwaukee	4	3.6	389	363.4	1%
* K4-8	Saint Lucas Lutheran School	9	8.5	196	182	5%
* K4-8	Saint Martin of Tours Parish School	7	5.5	94	83	7%
* K4-8	Saint Paul's Lutheran Grade School-West Allis	3	2.5	100	93	3%
* K4-12	Salam School	2	1.5	766	747.5	0.3%
* K4-8	Victory Christian Academy	6	5.6	185	177	3%
* 9-12	Wisconsin Lutheran High School	1	1	768	768	0.1%
Outagamie						
9-12	Fox Valley Lutheran High School	83	83	571	571	15%
K4-12	Saint Francis Xavier Catholic School System, Inc.	154	147.5	1,469	1,429	10%
* K4-8	Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran - Appleton	6	5.5	118	108	5%
* K5-8	Saint Peter Lutheran School	30	30	190	190	16%
Ozaukee and Washington						
* K4-8	Good Shepherd Lutheran School - West Bend	9	8.5	248	232	4%
* 5-8	Good Shepherd's Evangelical Lutheran	1	1	103	96	1%
* 9-12	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High	60	60	403	403	15%
* K4-8	Trinity Lutheran Grade School - Mequon	6	5.5	136	132	4%
Portage						
K5-12	Pacelli Catholic Schools	79	79	611	611	13%
Rock						
K5-12	Rock County Christian School	93	93	159	159	58%
Shawano						
* K5-8	Saint James Lutheran School	27	27	162	162	17%
K4-8	Saint Paul Lutheran School - Bonduel	14	13	206	192.5	7%
Sheboygan						
* K4-8	Bethlehem Lutheran Grade School	16	15	149	140	11%
* K4-8	Immanuel Lutheran School - Sheboygan	10	9.5	52	46.5	19%
* K5-8	Oostburg Christian Grade School	17	14.5	119	111.5	14%
K4-8	Saint John Lutheran School - Plymouth	22	21	161	152.5	14%
K4-8	Saint Paul Lutheran School - Sheboygan	19	17.5	54	50.5	35%
9-12	Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School	26	26	184	184	14%
K5-8	Sheboygan Christian School	27	27	111	109.5	24%
* 9-12	Sheboygan County Christian High School	9	9	103	103	9%
K4-8	Trinity Lutheran School - Sheboygan	14	13.5	133	124	11%
Waukesha						
* 9-10	Catholic Memorial High School	26	26	679	679	4%
* K4-8	Elm Grove Lutheran School	0	0	93	89.5	0%

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Waukesha (continued)						
* K4-8	Grace Lutheran School	12	11	198	182	6%
* K5-11	Heritage Christian Schools	49	49	533	533	9%
* K4-8	Immanuel Lutheran School - Brookfield	7	7	291	272.2	2%
* K4-8	Saint Agnes School	2	2	139	136.5	1%
* K4-5	Waukesha Catholic School System	37	37	503	489.5	7%
* K4-3, 5-8	Zion Lutheran Grade School	10	9	89	78	11%
Winnebago						
K5-12	Lourdes Academy	63	63	605	589.5	10%
K5-12	Saint Mary Catholic Schools	96	96	858	821	11%
K5-12	Valley Christian School	53	53	243	235	22%
Wood						
K5-12	Assumption Catholic Schools	50	50	457	457	11%
K4-12	Columbus Catholic Schools	57	55	455	437	13%
K4-8	Immanuel Lutheran School - Wisconsin Rapids	26	25	149	140.5	17%
Totals		2,514	2,472.5	27,082	26,484.1	9%

NOTES: Schools marked with an asterisk (*) are new to the program in 2015-16. Choice grades are as reported by school on Notice of Intent to Participate. All enrollments are unaudited numbers as of October 2015 and are subject to change.